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[] to Chief, Technical Staff, OCS
Subj: Communications and Security Methods for
Advanced Computing System

I would like you to initiate and head up a working group to deal with the subject problem. This group should include at least one other member of your staff. As soon as you have an initial definition of the problem areas and how you propose to proceed, we will invite OC, OS, and ORD to name representatives to round out the group.

The W/G's objective will be to define and produce written standards and methods for meeting the communications and security needs in the remote device/time-sharing/on-line data file mode of operations into which we are moving ~~xx~~ with new generation computing capabilities.

The KNOX PANEL (White House), Mr. Thomas McFee, Secretary, interested himself in security considerations in machine processing of intelligence, seeking a better understanding of the impact of security controls on machine processing systems, particularly the third generation systems being developed for the Intel/Community. He planned later to brief members of the KNOX PANEL on the subject which the majority of them did not have a clear understanding of.